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## IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of: H. Bamnolker et al. )  
Serial No.: 09/927,863 )  
Filing Date: August 10, 2001 ) Examiner: Lynette T. Umez-Eronini  
For: METHODS OF FORMING )  
SEMICONDUCTOR )  
STRUCTURES HAVING )  
REDUCED DEFECTS, AND )  
ARTICLES AND DEVICES )  
FORMED THEREBY )

## REQUEST FOR RECONSIDERATION

M.S. - AF  
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Dear Sir:

Responsive to the Office Action of December 18, 2003, Applicants respectfully request reconsideration in light of the following remarks.